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**D.A. BROWN: QUEENS MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER**  
**IN 2004 SHOOTING DEATH OF SHOPPER INSIDE JAMAICA MALL**

*Faces Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison*

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 23-year-old Queens man has been found guilty of the December 2004 fatal shooting of a shopper during a foiled robbery attempt inside the Colosseum Mall in Jamaica, Queens.

District Attorney Brown said, "According to the trial testimony, the defendant hid inside a basement bathroom and coldly waited for an unsuspecting shopper to enter so he could rob him. Instead, his actions resulted in the senseless death of a young man. As such, the defendant's conduct warrants imposition of a maximum prison sentence to punish him and protect society."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Kevin Reid, 23, of 117-32 141<sup>st</sup> Street in Queens. He was convicted of second-degree murder, first- and second-degree attempted robbery, second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence following a three-week jury trial. Queens Supreme Court Justice Gregory L. Lasak, who presided at trial, set sentencing for October 24, 2007, at which time the defendant faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

The District Attorney said that, according to trial testimony, Reid waited with an accomplice, Montique Isaac Brooks, then 16, inside a bathroom in the basement of the Colosseum Mall in Jamaica, Queens. When Walter Rodriguez, 31, entered the bathroom, they confronted him and demanded his money. Mr. Rodriguez refused and when he attempted to leave the room, Reid fired five shots at the victim, striking him twice – once in the chest and once in the back. Mr. Rodriguez was taken to a local Queens hospital where he died later that day.

District Attorney Brown said that Brooks, of 133-01 140<sup>th</sup> Street in Queens, pleaded guilty on August 12, 2005, to first-degree attempted robbery, a Class C felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and is presently awaiting sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Peter V. Lomp, of the District Attorney's Homicide Trials Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Brad A. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, and Jack Warsawsky, Deputy Bureau Chief, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Charles A. Testagrossa and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

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